Civil Rights in Virginia
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National Register Nominations*
Following is a list of historic properties in Virginia that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places at least in part due to their association with civil rights and/or African American heritage. The nominations typically include historic contexts and bibliographies that can be useful for research projects.
*Some of these properties are publicly owned; however, please note that the National Register also includes private properties that are not accessible to the public.

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Burrell Memorial Hospital - http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/registers/Cities/Roanoke/128-5863_%20Burrell_Memorial_Hospital_2003_Final_Nomination.pdf

Carver Residential Historic District - http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/registers/Cities/Richmond/127-0822_Carver_Residential_HD_2002_Final_Nomination.pdf

Charles Richard Drew House - http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/registers/Counties/Arlington/000-0016_Drew,Charles_Richard,House_1976_Final_Nomination_NHL.pdf

Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery - http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/registers/Cities/Alexandria/100-1021-1085_Contrabands_and_Freedmen_Cemetery_2012_NRHP_FINAL.pdf

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Newspapers
Newspaper are often a rich source for gathering information pertinent to local events associated
with the Civil Rights Movement and African American history in Virginia. Most local public
libraries maintain newspaper clipping files on various subjects. In Richmond, the Library of
Virginia (LVA) holds thousands of original newspapers, as well as copies on microfilm. They
also have a subject file for news articles called "the Freeman File" which can be obtained from
the reference desk. An online guide to conducting newspaper research at LVA is here -
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/newspaperResearch.pdf.

The LVA also participates in the United States Newspaper program, a national effort to locate, describe, inventory, preserve, and provide public access to the United States imprint newspapers. The Virginia Newspaper Project can be accessed at http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/vnp/.

Finally, the LVA has established Virginia Chronicle at http://virginiachronicle.com/. Research guides and indexes provide a comprehensive overview of the available resources for newspaper research.

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Virginia Historical Highway Markers

The Department of Historic Resources maintains a historical marker program that focuses on subjects of statewide significance in Virginia. Especially since the late 1990s, the program has grown to include numerous markers about the Civil Rights Movement, African American history, Virginia Indians, and women's history. The markers include both well-known events and persons and those that were revealed only after diligent research.

Full texts of Virginia's historical highway markers are accessible online at DHR's database, http://dhr.virginia.gov/HistoricMarkers/Account/Logon. Markers can be searched by Keyword, ZIP code, County or City, Route, and Marker Number.

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